

GINGER

Matt was running late for school. [If/ At/ He] was often late for school. He grabbed [a/ of/ to] donut for breakfast. He ate it quickly [the/ are/ and] licked the sugar off of his fingers. [Arm/ Walk/ Then] he hugged Mom and Dad good-bye. [Tar/ On/ Is] the way out the door he [patted/ witch/ shine] Lucky on the head. Lucky was [toe/ his/ see] pet dog that he had had since [is/ he/ am] was a baby. Lucky was the [ran/ tree/ best] dog in the world.

That day Matt [sit/ lap/ had] a test. He made an "A" [on/ be/ tin] the test, so Matt was very [rather/ yellow/ happy]. When he got home from school [so/ he/ ran] wanted a snack. He poured a [finder/ towel/ glass] of milk and he ate a [wrist/ sunny/ banana]. He did not see Mom and [in/ he/ by] wondered where she was. Then he [dealer/ looked/ sodas] for Lucky. She was not in [and/ are/ the] house. He went out the back [sand/ load/ door] and out into the yard. He [rakes/ called/ nails] her name many times but still [no/ put/ tan] sign of Lucky.

Then he heard [a/ if/ to] car drive up. It was Mom's [bat/ car/ tip] and Matt ran to tell her [phone/ gable/ about] the good grade he had made on [sun/ his/ ring] test. When he saw the look [to/ it/ on] Mom's face, he knew that there [sew/ and/ was] something wrong.

"Matt, I am afraid [so/ I/ at] have bad news," Mom said. "Lucky [land/ was/ star] hit by a car this morning [and/ sit/ ark] she died. I am so sorry,

[son/ tree/ cord]."

Matt could not believe it. He [free/ could/ soil] not believe that his pet Lucky [and/ was/ the] dead. He ran to his room [and/ sit/ map] cried on his pillow. Later Mom [fine/ came/ sap] into his room with a glass [of/ to/ at] soda. Matt did not want [fit/ any/ ray], so Mom left him alone.

The next [day/ leg/ cap] after school Matt found a box [toy/ in/ rag] the kitchen. In the box was [a/ to/ of] little puppy with soft brown fur. [The/ Hill/ Mom] told Matt that it could be [his/ nip/ met] new pet if he wanted the [puppy/ cried/ frame]. Matt missed Lucky. He did not [stem/ want/ lump] a new dog, he told Mom. "[Very/ Well/ Jump], then I will take her [stone/ rake/ back] in the morning," said Mom.

That [frill/ night/ limp] Matt heard the puppy crying. She [sin/ was/ ran] lonely inside the big box. She [coast/ trying/ missed] her mother. Matt went to the kitchen [the/ and/ axe] looked for something to feed the [ray/ dog/ lamp]. All he could find was a [cookie/ dolls/ patter]. It was a gingerbread man cookie. Matt [sea/ fed/ mat] it to the puppy. The puppy [stood/ wrote/ loved] the cookie, and she ate it [tray/ right/ calls] out of Matt's hand.

The next morning Matt [told/ ring/ game] Mom that he had changed his mind. He [still/ wanted/ window] to keep the puppy. He wanted [say/ to/ if] name his new pet Ginger because [she/ is/ why] loved to eat gingerbread man [cookies winter march]!